



STATE OF MAINE

MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Department of Education
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on November 13, 2002, at Boothbay Region Elementary School, Boothbay Harbor with the following members present: Chair Jean Gulliver, Vice Chair Philip Dionne, Joyce McPhetres, Wes Bonney, Ken Allen, Jack Norris, Jim Rier, Janet Tockman, and Ellie Multer

Also present were: Judy Malcolm, Team Leader, Support Systems Subteam; Scott Brown, AIA, School Construction; and Rhonda Casey, Clerk.

CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Ellie Multer, seconded by Ken Allen, and unanimously voted to approve the minutes for the August 21 and the September 11, 2002, Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST FROM THE HIGH TECH INSTITUTE INC.
TO OFFER ACADEMIC CREDIT PROGRAMS IN MAINE

SITE APPROVAL FOR M.S.A.D. #74 – NORTH ANSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MOVED by Jim Rier, seconded by Wes Bonney, and unanimously voted to approve the above consent agenda items.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE TEACHER
EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Background: A joint State and National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) program approval/accreditation visit to the University of Southern

Maine was conducted March 16-20, 2002, for the purpose of reviewing the professional educator preparation programs.

Following the on-site visit a report was prepared which includes findings resulting from the application of both State and NCATE standards, commendations, recommendations, and a recommendation for State program approval status. The State report was prepared for and distributed to State Board members during the Board's May 15, 2002, meeting. During the June 11, 2002, Board meeting a copy of the NCATE Board of Examiners Report for the University of Southern Maine was distributed to Board members. The Board has deferred action upon the recommendations of the State Review Team until it could be informed NCATE's continuing accreditation decision. In mid-October, NCATE's Unit Accreditation Board met and voted to continue accreditation for the professional education unit at the University of Southern Maine.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the University of Southern Maine's professional educator preparation programs (as appended) for the period of Spring 2002 through Spring 2007 and that an interim report addressing the recommendations contained in the visitation team report be submitted to the Department of Education and the State Board of Education by December 31, 2005.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE

Programs Recommended for Approval

Undergraduate and Graduate Programs:

Elementary Education, K-8
Secondary Education, 7-12
Teacher Endorsement Areas:

English/Language Arts
English as a Second Language
Foreign Language (K-12)
Technology Education
Life Sciences
Mathematics
Middle Level Education (5-8)
Music (K-12)
Physical Sciences
Social Studies
Teacher of Students with Disabilities K-8)
Teacher of Students with Disabilities (7-12)
Visual Arts (K-12)

Education Specialist Endorsement Areas:

Literacy Specialist
School Guidance Counselor
School Psychological Service Provider
Special Education Consultant

Administrator Endorsement Areas:

Curriculum Coordinator/Instructional Supervisor
Principal

MOVED by Jack Norris, seconded by Wes Bonney, and unanimously voted to approve the University of Southern Maine's professional educator preparation programs (as appended) for the period of Spring 2002 through Spring 2007 and that an interim report addressing the recommendations contained in the visitation team report be submitted to the Department of Education and the State Board of Education by December 31, 2005.

CONSIDERATION OF THE VISITATION TEAM REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND APPLICATION TO ADD THE DEGREE OF CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDY IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Background: 20-A MRSA, Chapter 409 provides that a postsecondary educational institution desiring to confer additional degrees must obtain authorization from the Maine State Board of Education.

Officials of the University of New England School, located in Biddeford, Maine, have submitted an application seeking authority to confer an additional degree, the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Public Health.

A Review Team meeting with the applicant was conducted in Augusta on July 9, 2002. Following the meeting a report was prepared which includes findings, commendations, and recommendations as well as a recommendation for State program approval status. The report was prepared for State Board consideration and action during the November 13, 2002, meeting of the Board.

Recommendation: That the State Board of Education accept the Review Committee report and approve the request from the University of New England to confer the additional degree of Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Public Health.

MOVED by Wes Bonney, seconded by Jim Rier, and unanimously voted to accept the Review Committee report and approve the request from the University of New England to confer the additional degree of Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Public Health.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Ellie Multer:

- That she had asked Jean if the Board had addressed any of the concerns expressed by the residents of Indian Island with regards to teaching their native language within their local schools and certification of these people. The issue is complicated as it involves not only state and federal laws, but and the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law as well. The Board should pursue these concerns in context, specifically as it relates to state law and then communicate the specifics back to the tribe, and then communicate the Board's findings with the congressional delegation as appropriate. The attorney for Certification has already been looking into the matter and has welcomed Ellie's assistance with the matter.

Joyce McPhetres:

- Emailed Jean last week asking that the Board look more closely in the near future at the issue of people from private businesses and/or organizations coming into the teaching profession and the social security issue.
- That the School Administrative Unit Study Group met last week and will meet again in early December. The group's responsibility is to have an interim report submitted to the Education Committee by the end of January 2003 highlighting what the group accomplished and/or learned thus far.
- Attended the Teacher of the Year Ceremony. It was a wonderful ceremony and she would suggest that the Board invite the Teacher of the Year to attend a Board meeting sometime in the spring of 2003.

Jim Rier:

- That on November 8 he and Ellie attended a workshop sponsored by Maine School Management Association. The topic of discussion was the entire major capital improvement process from application to the actual audit of the project.

Ken Allen:

- Attended the Maine School Management Association's Annual Fall Conference on October 24 and "manned" the Board's exhibition booth. As a result, he noticed that the Board has in their possession several marble apples with gold leaf stems. After the conference ended, he wondered about contacting the company who sold these marble apples and inquire if these are still available and possibly sell these apples at the next year's annual conference or give one away to the superintendent of the year.
- That there are some small schools such as Eastport and Lubec who are sharing resources something in high school. For example Eastport and Lubec are sharing

a course in Spanish over the ATM. This is something that the Board should look at seriously, especially with the knowledge of declining enrollments in schools.

Wes Bonney:

- On October 24 attended and presented at the Maine School Management's 2002 Annual Fall Conference along with Judy Lucarelli and Jim Rier on the issue of Essential Programs and Services. Because of concurrent sessions they didn't expect to have only a handful of participants, but the exact opposite occurred. Approximately 100 people were interested in the Essential Programs and Services presentation.
- An ATM session has been scheduled for December 2 from 10-12 to present the Essential Programs and Services initiative. Four locations have been chosen throughout the state. In addition, the presentation materials will be available to download from the State Board's website no later than November 26. If possible, a State Board of Education member should attend the ATM site that is located nearest them to interact with the participants.
- Surveys for the Task Force on the Implementation of the Learning Results have been mailed and are beginning to filter back in. It is hoped that in order to be prepared for the December meeting that all the surveys will have been tallied and collated.
- Lastly, the question of idol construction funds and if these funds added to the treasures pool. This cannot be legally done. But the issue of these idol funds needs to be looked into.

Jim Rier responded, by saying that he had already spoken to Dick Spencer who is pursuing this matter.

Phil Dionne:

- That Jordan Acres School, located in Brunswick, is one of four elementary schools in the world to receive a 2002 Inviting School Award from the International Alliance of Invitational Education. Staff from the school traveled to Georgia to accept the award in the schools honor.

Jack Norris:

- At the Board's October meeting the Board approved St. Agath and Frenchville's alternative cost sharing formula. Since receiving Board approval a referendum has taken place and the proposal was defeated by 13 votes by Frenchville residents. So the district will have to start over.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

- The enclosed article, "Juggling 3 School Goals, Texas Trips".

- Also attended the school construction conference on November 8. She and Duke spoke to the group about issues relating to demographics, regionalization, consolidation, and other issues involving the Board's August resolution. This was a good opportunity to reinforce the Board's resolution.
- That she had written a letter to Governor-elect Baldacci congratulating him and informing him that the Board is ready to meet with him and/or his staff at their convenience to begin the process of selecting the new administration.

ADJOURNMENT:

State Board of Education unanimously agreed to adjourn the Thursday, September 6, 2001, meeting at 3:00 p.m.